

## Utah PTA Position Statement on Amendment B – October 2026

Utah PTA recognizes that the people of Utah have a fundamental role in shaping public policy through their participation in the initiative and referendum process.

Amendment B would require 60% of voters to approve certain citizen-initiated legislation involving new taxes, expansions of existing taxes, increases in tax rates, or certain property tax changes, rather than the current requirement of a simple majority.

Utah PTA believes that the initiative process provides Utah citizens with an important avenue to participate directly in government and advocate for issues that affect children, families, and communities.

Utah PTA supports the right of the people to participate in direct democracy through initiatives and referenda and opposes changes that weaken the ability of citizens to exercise that right.

Utah PTA therefore opposes Constitutional Amendment B.

*Approved by the Utah PTA Board of Directors on October 14, 2026*

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### Talking Points

1. Amendment B changes how some citizen initiatives become law.  
Certain initiatives involving taxes would need 60% of voters, rather than a simple majority, to pass.
2. Utah PTA believes people should have a meaningful voice in government.  
Our position is based on our resolution supporting the people's right to participate in initiatives and referenda.
3. This is about the initiative process—not whether taxes are good or bad.  
Utah PTA's concern is changing the threshold required for citizens to pass certain initiatives.
4. A majority vote is currently the standard for most statewide initiatives.  
Amendment B creates a higher threshold for certain tax-related initiatives.
5. Utah PTA has already taken a position on this legislation. Utah PTA opposed SJR002 in 2025, and that legislation is what voters are being asked to consider as Amendment B.